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Report Highlights:

On March 10, 2005, Indonesia removed the ban on imports of U.S. poultry products from seven U.S. States that had originally been implemented due to previous AI outbreaks. With this announcement, all AI-related restrictions on shipments of U.S. poultry products to Indonesia have been removed. However, strict conditions on the resumption of leg quarter imports remain, and this announcement does not in any way remove the effective ban on broiler part imports.

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In February, 2004, the Director General of Livestock (DGLS), Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) banned imports of U.S. poultry products and by-products due to cases of AI (GAIN ID4005). Then, in March 2004, the import ban was limited to 9 states: Texas, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina, Virginia and Connecticut (GAIN ID4012). In April 2004, North Carolina and Virginia were removed from the list. On March 10, 2005, Indonesia officially announced that the remaining seven states were removed.

Despite this announcement, imports of U.S. leg quarters and other parts remain effectively banned. Notably, the announcement states that poultry imports must fulfill existing import requirements regarding halal, food safety and animal health, and that an "overall review" would be required before imports could commence. Ever since Indonesia effectively banned imports of U.S. leg quarters in 2000, officials have insisted that an "overall review" would be a condition for allowing imports of U.S. leg quarters to resume. This review among, other issues, would include an examination of the U.S. poultry meat inspection system, the halal certification process, and individual plant inspections.

The commercial impact of the 10 March 2005, announcement is not great. Indonesian importers of poultry/feather meal and breeding stock were already sourcing supplies from States not included in the ban. The most important aspect of this official announcement is that the Ministry of Agriculture has reiterated its insistence that certain conditions must still be met before poultry meat (broiler leg quarters) imports can resume.

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